California Department of Fish and Game 2007-2008 Proposed Nearshore Rockfish Trip Limit Options Area: South of 40°10' N latitude Thursday, May 25, 2006

Trip limit proposed range options are based on the Department's intent to use a precautionary harvest guideline in drafting management measures. The Federal harvest goal is 564 metric tons (mt), while the Department 's management goal is 515 mt for minor nearshore rockfish south of 40°10' N latitude. This translates into a commercial allocation of 120 mt, which represents a 23 mt increase over the status quo HG of 97 mt. Of the proposed 120 mt HG, 78 mt are proposed for the shallow nearshore rockfish group and 42 mt for the deeper nearshore rockfish group. The trip limits contained in the tables below reflect the maximum increase in trip limits that could be considered when crafting trip limit options for 2007-08.

Shallow nearshore rockfishes: Target goal = 78 mt (171,959 pounds)

Status quo trip limits							
Period	Trip limit	Est. take	Target				
1	300	10,058	23,000				
2	closed	0	0				
3	500	21,599	39,000				
4	600	30,838	46,900				
5	500	23,095	39,000				
6	6 300		23,000				
	2,200	96,366	170,900				

Upper limit trip limits for alternatives						
Period	Trip limit	Est. take	Target			
1	600	15,758	23,000			
2	closed	0	0			
3	800	28,799	39,000			
4	900	39,838	46,900			
5	800	30,895	39,000			
6	600	17,676	23,000			
	3,700	132,966	170,900			

Deeper nearshore rockfishes: Target goal = 42 mt (92,593 pounds)

Between 40°10' and 34°27'

Status quo trip limits							
Period	Trip limit	Est. take	Target				
1	500	11,281	18,000				
2	closed	0	0				
3	500	14,869	18,000				
4	500	15,351	18,000				
5	400	12,089	14,400				
6	500	12,646	18,000				
	2,400	66,776	86,400				

Status quo trip limits							
Period	Target						
1	500	1,134	1,100				
2	closed	0	0				
3	600	940	1,300				
4	600	1,701	1,300				
5	600	1,339	1,300				
6	400	1,248	900				
	2,700	6,362	5,900				

South of 34°27'

Combined estimated take: 66,776 + 6,362 = 73,138

Between 40°10' and 34°27'

Upper limit trip limits						
Period	Trip limit	Est. take	Target			
1	700	14,821	18,000			
2	closed	0	0			
3	700	17,469	18,000			
4	700	18,351	18,000			
5	600	15,089	14,400			
6	700	15,246	18,000			
	3,400	80,976	86,400			

South of 34°27'

Upper limit trip limits							
Period	Trip limit	Est. take	Target				
1	500	1,134	1,100				
2	closed	0	0				
3	600	940	1,300				
4	600	1,701	1,300				
5	600	1,399	1,300				
6	400	1,248	900				
	2,700	6,362	5,900				

Combined estimated take: 80.976 + 6.362 = 87.338

California Commercial Status Report of Take for Specific Groundfish, 2004 (CMASTR data)

Species	Management area for report	Harvest target (mt)	Total annual take (mt)	% of harvest target	North Coast annual take (mt)	North- Central Coast annual take (mt)	South- Central Coast annual take (mt)	South Coast annual take (mt)
Minor NS RF North ¹	Between 42° 00' N and 40° 10' N	14.8	7.6	51.4%	7.6	-		
Minor Nearshore RF		97	88.1	90.8%		21.3	55.0	11.8
South ²	South of 40° 10' N							-
Black RF	California statewide	140	68.5	48.9%	63.0	4.2	0.8	0.4
Cabezon	California	34.3	49.4	144.0%	2.6	11.2	29.9	5.7
Greenlings	California	1,5	2.0	133.3%	0.2	0.5	1.3	tr
Bocaccio	South of 40° 30' N		8.7		0.1	0.9	3.4	4.3
Canary RF	California		1.0		0.7	0.1	0.2	0.0
Cowcod	South of 40° 30' N		tr		0.0	tr	tr	0.0
Lingcod	California		63.2		14.9	21.5	23.3	3.5
Widow RF	California		8.7	_	7.6	0.9	0.1	0.1
Yelloweye RF	California		tr		0.0	0.0	tr	0.0

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Minor NS RF North ¹	Between 42° 00' N and 40° 10' N	14.8	17.5	118.2%	17.5	1		
Minor Nearshore RF South ²	South of 40° 10' N	97	78.4	80.8%		18.6	50.2	9.6
Black RF	California statewide	141	71.5	50.7%	67.6	3.1	0.6	0.2
Cabezon	California	26.9	31.3	116.4%	3.3	8.0	17.5	2.5
Greenlings	California	1.5	1.7	133.3%	0.3	0.5	0.9	tr
Bocaccio	South of 40° 30' N	85.2	6.6	7.7%	tr	2.7	1.0	2.9
Canary RF	California	n/a	2.1		0.3	1.7	0.1	0.0
Cowcod	South of 40° 30' N	0	tr		0.0	0.0	0.0	tr
Lingcod	California	n/a	62.0		20.7	22.0	17.3	2.0
Widow RF	California	n/a	5.7		5.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Yelloweye RF	California	n/a	tr		0.0	tr	0.0	0.0

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